

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM  
HB 2820 – SB 2909**

April 16, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016218):** Grants court authority to make a default finding in accordance with the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure and § 36-1-117(n) when a verified answer by all parties in a termination of parental rights case is not filed.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$172,000/Indigent Defense Fund

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

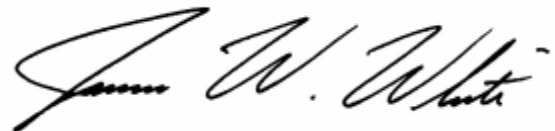
**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The proposed amendatory language does not change the requirement for an appointment of a guardian ad litem for all stages of a contested termination or adoption matter.
- The estimated fiscal impact of the bill will not change as a result of the proposed amendment.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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